## **HOUSE BILL No. 1611**

#### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-46-3.

**Synopsis:** Animal fighting. Makes possessing an animal for use in an animal fighting contest or attending an animal fighting contest a Class D felony. Repeals a provision that makes attending a fighting contest involving animals a Class A misdemeanor.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.



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#### First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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SECTION 1. IC 35-46-3-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 8. A person who
knowingly or intentionally purchases or possesses an animal for the
purpose of using the animal in an animal fighting contest commits a
Class A misdemeanor Class D felony.

SECTION 2. IC 35-46-3-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 9. A person who knowingly or intentionally:

- (1) promotes or stages an animal fighting contest;
- (2) uses an animal in a fighting contest; or
- (3) attends an animal fighting contest; having an animal in the person's possession;
- commits a Class D felony.

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- 14 SECTION 3. IC 35-46-3-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007].
  - SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] IC 35-46-3-8 and IC 35-46-3-9, both as amended by this act, apply only to crimes



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